

# Tiverton Prevention Coalition

## Meeting Minutes

**June 8, 2015**

**Attendance:** Seena Franklin, Linda Larson, Sally Black, Dave Frerichs, John Mattson, Jenni McNamee, Edith Borden, Ray Davis, Dennis Soares, Chris O'Toole, Rebecca Elwell Joe Runner (10-10:35am)

- 1. Welcome/Introductions**
- 2. Approval of May Meeting Minutes:** Motion: RD/SF; unanimous approval
- 3. Volunteer Time Log:** Rebecca distributed paper copies of the volunteer log and a reminder to please continue to record your effort on behalf of the coalition.
- 4. Election of Officers: Chair/Vice-Chair/Secretary:** Chair: Edith Borden; Vice-Chair: Ray Davis; Co-Secretary: Chris O'Toole Note: We are still looking for someone to serve as co-secretary taking turns with Chris.
- 5. By-Laws Review:** 1<sup>st</sup> reading (vote after second reading) of amended by-laws. Rebecca will investigate to see if the DFC grant has any restrictions on who can be a voting member (paid staff, consultants etc.) Second reading and vote will take place at the TPC September meeting.
- 6. Sub-Committee Reports**
  - A. Membership Committee:** Pieces for the new member orientation packet are still being developed.
  - B. Scholarship Committee:** Dr. William White Scholarship: The 2015 award recipient is Christina Bebe, a past participant in our UnMarketing Weed project and the Peer Helping Network. Balance in scholarship account is \$1550.
- 7. Program Reports:**
  - A. Evaluation:** John reported on the focus groups that he conducted last week. Met with four groups: 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade; 9<sup>th</sup> gr; 10<sup>th</sup> gr; 11<sup>th</sup> gr. Marijuana is still the most used drug in Tiverton. A full report is forthcoming.
  - B. Communications: O+P:** Chris reported that the website has recently been refreshed and has a new homepage with added photos.
  - C. Youth Program Coordinator:** Jenni reported on the recent Bulgarmarsh Rec Clean Up activity of the Coalition Café students. CC students have been working on an "Identify Me" project that they want to do with middle school students. Jenni is looking forward to welcoming new 8<sup>th</sup> grade students into Coalition Café in September.
  - D. Tiger Pride: Life Of Athlete summer training:** Rebecca reported that the coalition is sending 4 adults and 7 students to the Life of an Athlete training in Lake Placid in July.

- E. **Middle School PTO:** tabled in Kelly's absence
- F. **EBCAP:** Seena reviewed available EBCAP services in Tiverton and surrounding areas. Merger with East Bay Center is proceeding and will take effect sometime after the start of July.
- G. **Student Assistance:** Edith discussed plans to wrap up Project Alert at the Middle School. Katie Brown Education Foundation provided a five day program to all 8<sup>th</sup> graders focusing on teen relationship violence (including gender stereotypes). Presentations were done during ELA classes. Two of the ELA teachers are very enthusiastic about bringing the program back next year and incorporate the program into their lessons in conjunction with the reading of the book "Speak."
- H. **Health and Wellness:** Sally distributed a memo regarding a new publication on Child and Adolescent Obesity from Rhode Island Kids Count. Sally also mentioned that the food advisory meeting in each of the school will be taking place next week.
- I. **Recreation Commission:** Tabled in Susan's absence
- J. **Juvenile Hearing Board:** discussion about JHB. Thank you to Joe for getting the names of the current JHB membership from Town Clerk. Ray has spoken to Chief Blakey about the effectiveness of the program- it is very effective in his view. Further outreach to the board will be made
- K. **Peer Helping Network:** Dennis Soares, co-advisor of PHN, reported on this years' PHN activities around Teen Dating Violence and focus on healthy relationships. Educating students that dating violence is not just physical- but also sexual emotional, psychological. Emphasis is put on educating and engaging bystanders to step in and help. PHN hosted a presentation from the Katie Brown Foundation in September. The focus for the next school year will be on cyber-bullying (at the request of the PHN students) they want to raise awareness and education kids about what to do if they become aware of cyberbullying. Dave F-mentioned the cyberbullying law and encouraged PHN to spread the word that it is a crime. One initiative that they have discussed is "Disconnect to Connect" which may be a day of no cellphone use.
- L. **Other Announcements:**

Joe mentioned the continuing changing attitudes of society regarding marijuana use as evidenced by a recent National Geographic article and last night's 60 Minutes television show (6/7/15)

**Adjourn: JR/SF all in favor: 10:35 a.m.**

**Next meetings:** September 21, 2015 at 9 a.m.

**Reminder:** check the updates on [www.tivertonprevention.org](http://www.tivertonprevention.org)